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Railway Strike Robbery At Continues St. Eustache

The Banks And Crops

To Spite The World

Was He Shot? Lynchers Baulked

Montreal, Que., Aug. 31.—A C.P.R. freight train had a narrow escape from wreck this morning as a result of the tampering with switch at Jacques Cartier Junction, just outside the city. The lock of the switch had been broken and the switch thrown so as to sidetrack the approaching train, while stores had been placed in the mechanism to hold it in place. A freight came in at two o'clock with the sign for a clear line, and while travelling at good pace was suddenly thrown on the siding. Fortunately there were no cars on the siding, and there would have been a bad smash-up. The train was at once stopped and examination showed that deliberate attempt had been made to wreck the train. It was stated by C. P. R. employees that this was the third time, within as many days that this particular switch had been tampered with and lock broken. The men blame the strikers, believing that some of the more lawless foreign element are doing the work, trying to damage the company's property, and at the same time get even with trainmen for not aiding the strike. The switch had evidently been broken and changed by a man familiar with railroad work.

North Bay, Ont., Aug. 31.—Engine 2613 on the east bound Winnipeg express leaving North Bay Saturday evening at nine o'clock broke a driving rod twenty miles east of North Bay, smashing the entire side of the engine.

Seventy-five coal handlers at Jackman, Lake Superior, unloading boats for the C.P.R., struck for higher wages on Saturday. Jackman has the largest and most important coal handling plant on the C.P.R. system, railway freight handlers and station clerks have formally called for a union which should be appointed and the Ottawa authorities are, under the Lameux act, compelled to grant it. The complaints are based on the treatment of employees at Halifax and St. John.

CANCEL ALL TRAINS.
Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 31.—One a.m. Owing to heavy rains to-day the C.P.R., as a precautionary measure, cancelled all trains from the east tonight. The company did not care to have trains venture over uncertain places in the dark.

MAIL BAGS RIFLED

Montreal, Aug. 29.—Two mail bags ripped open and the contents rifled were found near Montreal West to-day. The picket found checks to the value of \$2,000 among them one to the value of \$1,400 signed by Sir George Drummond. The strikers immediately reported the find to Assistant Postmaster L. J. Gaboriau. The most recently dated check was that of Aug. 29.

The mailer first placed in the hands of the detective department. Postal officials refuse to talk.

Assistant Postmaster Gaboriau declared that as there was no very reason to believe the robbers were failed, though every letter was ripped open, there was no small sum in the trust to the ordinary mail and the amount would not be known for some time. The thieves were too wary to retain the checks. It is believed the mail was stolen from the Soo train leaving Montreal on Wednesday.

Montreal, Que., Aug. 31.—Five desperadoes broke in and robbed the Provincial Bank at St. Eustache, about two o'clock on Tuesday morning, getting clear away with twelve thousand dollars in bank bills. So far, no definite trace of the robbers have been discovered and though they have been traced as far as St. Rose it is thought they were heading for Montreal, with the intention of getting across the boundary as soon as possible. The men apparently were experts at the bank cracking profession. They broke into the premises, which are in the largest building in the village, the post office and other offices being in the same block, shortly before two o'clock. The money they made away the postmaster and others in the building, but when they came upon them they found that three men with a couple of revolvers apiece were standing outside while the other two were inside, blowing the safe open. The citizens did not care to get too close to the guns and did not interfere with the operations of the quirkette. In a few minutes the men inside had drilled a hole in the door of the safe, poured in a charge of nitro-glycerine, ignited a fuse and then came outside to await the explosion. So confident were they that they did not take any precaution to muffle the sound. When the charge exploded, it not only wrecked the safe, but broke a number of windows in the building. The two then returned to the bank and broke open the drawers, the explosion having torn the safe door completely off. In the vault were \$12,000 in bills and a large quantity of cheques and other negotiable papers. The robbers did not touch the papers, but took all the bills, even leaving the silver money in the safe at too heavy to be handled with comfort.

Having secured the money they started off in the direction of the C.P.R. track, apparently in the direction of Montreal. Some of the citizens tried to follow, but were warned by the robbers to keep back or they would shoot, and they did not need a second warning. The night was unusually dark, and all the robbers were masked, so that no description of them can be secured. Immediately after the robbers had escaped, word of the affair was telephoned to Montreal, and a number of city and provincial detectives left for St. Eustache, while later on several field detectives went out in an automobile. Word was telephoned into the city this evening that the men had been traced as far as St. Rose and the detectives of the city are on the watch for any suspicious characters. Manager Bienville of the Banque Provinciale states that the bank was insured against burglary and that business was resumed as usual at St. Eustache on Saturday morning. Funds being forwarded from Montreal.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Luzon, Aug. 31.—Fire broke out in the east sheds of the Canadian Packing Company's plant at Portersville Saturday afternoon at 1:30 and by 3 o'clock the whole plant was practically destroyed. The loss is \$50,000. The Canadian Packing Co. was established here about twenty years ago at the instance of Sir John Curlew, who was then minister of agriculture. Danish and English capital was largely invested.

Mr. Laird took advantage of these meetings to talk over a matter which he has previously advocated, and will be of great benefit to the Dominion, banking accommodation in moving the Canadian crop. In his opinion there is no reason why banks in this country should not assist the outgoing of Canada's crop just as they have for many years past in the movement of the U. S. cotton crop.

Mr. Laird did not follow that any assistance will be required this year, but if the Northwest grain production continues to increase, as it undoubtedly will, it will not only be fitting, but almost necessary that Old Country funds should be invoked for the exporting of the grain. While the Canadian banks would deal with the shipper, whether he were the farmer or the grain buyer, and he can look after all grain intended for immediate forwarding, there is the burden of carrying a large quantity of grain through the winter at the terminal points from about the middle of November to the middle of April, during the time navigation is closed.

In regard to this grain, the Canadian banks lend on the elevator or terminal receipts. When the amount of grain so carried is very large it will be necessary to seek for outside assistance, and the Canadian banks should be able to secure from British banks funds against the elevator receipts by drawing bills of exchange to cover the quantity of grain intended for export and the period during which it would be in store and transit.

Mr. Laird, in discussing the matter in London, found a willingness on the part of the banks who are correspondents for Canadian banks to meet this situation when it arose. In his opinion it is Imperialism in its most practical and useful form.

RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS.
Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 31.—For the year ending June 30, the number of applications considered by the Board of Railway Commissioners increased by thirty-five per cent, compared with the preceding twelve months. Arguments were heard in over five hundred cases. The great majority of these were crossing cases, but a great many matters of more general interest and importance were considered. One of the most important matters of the year will open on Tuesday, when some twenty cases have been entered for hearing. While it is not customary to make public their reports it is understood that the inspectors of the commission east and west are keeping an eye on the C.P.R. rolling stock in view of the machinists' strike.

Paris, Aug. 31.—A workman, aged forty-nine years, who for some time had alleged signs of mental aberration, has as is stated in a letter, committed suicide to "spite the world." He imagined that he had discovered the secret of a universal aeroplane, but nobody would believe in his invention. The world, he said, was too selfish and full of ingratitude. He chuckled thought, at the idea that he would have his revenge by committing suicide, and thus preventing mankind from deriving any benefit from his discovery. He went to visit a friend, who he entertained with his various ideas; and had hardly left the latter and reached the courtyard before when he carried out his imaginary revenge and blew out his brains. A letter which he carried with him in his pocket explained why he did it. He was happy at the thought that his heroic resolution the world would be punished and mankind would never learn how to fly.

OUTLOOK'S OUTLOOK
IS PROMISING

Saskatoon, Aug. 31.—If the new town of outlook does not become busy, humming city in a very short time, it will not be for the want of enthusiasm in the men who purchased the town lots put up by auction by the C. P. R. on Wednesday. In six and a half hours some \$60,000 worth of property was sold and all at a stiff figure. There was a good crowd of purchasers on hand and all eager to invest in the new town. Lots were all the way from \$95 to \$1,850, the latter figure for the lot on the site of the station, and bidders were present from all over the province. In many cases prices doubled the upset figure.

Business was lively all forenoon when nearly all the townsite was sold. Most of the property, it is believed, will be sold to individual purchasers, the real estate men keeping in the background. The town will start off well, it is said that ten lumber yards, six elevators, eight hardware stores and six general stores are amongst the business propositions which are starting up. Fraser Bros. hardware is already established.

Those who attended the sale say that they were well treated on the ground. Plenty of accommodation was provided both for men and horses in big tents. The sale was conducted on fair terms, there being no reason to the ladies' aid of a church near by had a tent and sold meals at a reasonable price, thus providing for the inner comfort of the visitors. In addition there was also a large cook tent.

The natural position and situation of the new town is described as being pretty, overlooking the Saskatchewan river half a mile away, while the south bank is covered with trees and undergrowth.

The steel has not yet reached Outlook from the south but that will be an accomplished fact this year, as it is being pushed ahead with that end in view. A gang of men are now working on the grounds near the townsite, where there is a 28-foot hill to be made. There will be work for a considerable time around the town in laying out yards and station hotels, besides the erection of a long bridge over the river.

MAY ADOPT LEASING SYSTEM.
Toronto, Aug. 31.—It is believed that the Ontario Government is seriously considering the adoption of the leasing system in connection with the Gillespie, the Terra Incognita of the Cobalt mine. It is still prospectors who believe that they are keeping it quiet in the mean time. The mine measures ten miles by ten, roughly, or a hundred square miles in all.

Toronto, Aug. 29.—Sensational evidence developed at the inquest held in the city hall last night on the death of James Gorman, C.P.R. brakeman, whose mangled remains were found on the railway track early last Sunday. Chester Gray, who earlier in the day was charged with trespassing on the G.T.R. track, through his counsel declared that he and Gorman had been fired at while walking on the tracks on Saturday night. He had been arrested but Gorman broke away and another shot fired as he fled. Gorman was not seen alive again. Constable O'Brien, of the Grand Trunk, declared that he had fired two shots, but he did not think that at the time that he had struck anyone. Both shots were fired in the air. He was absolutely emphatic that the revolver was not pointed at Gorman. There had been, he said, considerable tampering with freight from cars in the vicinity, and said that he saw two men tampering with a car.

MIXED

Extraordinary marriage and divorce complications are puzzling a Frenchman, who married a Danish lady six years ago. His wife divorced him in Denmark, where they were living, and married a man with whom she now resides in her own country. The secret having been made against him, he cannot, according to Danish law, marry again in Denmark.

He thought he could marry again in France, but the French courts have just decided that he cannot. The divorce is invalid in France, and consequently, the Frenchman is still married to his Danish wife in France, though not in Denmark. Moreover, he cannot obtain a divorce in France, either on the ground of bigamy or because his wife is living with another man. In the first place, she is not guilty of bigamy, because her second marriage is non-existent in France, and, secondly, she cannot legally be punished for living with another man, because her French husband is unable to prove that she has not acted in good faith.

If her Danish second marriage were dissolved, then he could sue for divorce on the ground of misconduct, for she would no longer be living with a man whom she honestly considered as her husband. But the French courts cannot annul a Danish marriage which does not exist in France. On the other hand, the Danish courts have no ground for dissolving her second marriage, as they already have dissolved the first.

The unfortunate Frenchman is in a quandary, from which only his or his wife's death can extricate him. Were she to come to France he could legally summon her to live with him, but it is not likely that she will. If she does, another surprise is in store for him. She has children by her Danish second husband, but in France the French first husband is legally the father of those children.

FRENCH VILLAGE DESTROYED.
Paris, Aug. 30.—With the exception of three houses, the entire village of Coustet (Loire) was destroyed by fire. The flames started in a heap of dried vine branches and rapidly spread to an adjoining wheelwright's shop in less than an hour the whole of the village was ablaze.

GOVERNMENT AID FOR FERNIE.
Victoria, Aug. 30.—At the meeting of the executive council it was decided to grant the following sums to the city of Fernie: \$25,000 towards a new school building; \$5,000 for sidewalks and repairs to streets, and \$5,000 towards the cost of municipal buildings. The government will also provide for the relief of the committee of the people in Fernie, and altogether that amount expended by the government on account of the fire will be in the neighborhood of \$40,000.

Douglas, Ariz., Aug. 31.—Delaying a mob of several armed infuriated men, two heavily armed officers late last night marched out of the city hall with a negro, Frank Butler, before them. Placing the negro in an automobile the officers kept the crowd at bay and went to Tombstone, the county seat, where Butler was placed in jail. There is some excitement still in the city, but no indications of racial troubles. Butler had shot a white man named Phillips.

IN WAKE OF FLOOD

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 31.—The crest of the great freshet, which has swept through South Carolina, has ruined farms and crippled business for its wake, has now passed Columbia and moved towards the lower part of the state. The railroads are making strenuous efforts to restore lines of communication and have succeeded in some measure. The only time that is really clear for traffic, however, is the southern track to Charlotte, S. C.

Calgary Hospital Finances.
Calgary, Aug. 29.—The financial standing of the hospital board was the chief subject of discussion at last night's meeting of that body. It was decided to appeal to the council to submit a bill to the people to have an additional \$95,000 raised to complete and equip the new building.

About \$158,500 will be required to pay off the mortgage and erect and equip the new structure. The proceeds of the \$75,000 "bounty" already voted for, were about \$69,000, and it is expected that the proposed new "bounty" will realize about \$90,000 which will provide about \$158,000. The proposition for the new building was voted by the city of both properties so that when real estate advances a sale can be made and the proceeds placed to the credit of the city. Each member of the council will be provided with a copy of the statement along with a letter of explanation so that the situation may be thoroughly understood.

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T.B. No. 1221.

On November 27, 1903, Burrows' timber cruiser, Archie McLean, made application to have seven widely separate tracts of selected timber, located on the McLeod and Pembina rivers, tributaries to the Athabasca, and aggregating in all 110 square miles, put up for public competition. The department acted with great dispatch. Advertisements were issued on the 27th of December, 1903, and bids were called for to be opened on the 27th of January, 1904. Between the date of the advertisement and the opening of the bids the process time was 43 days, but for anyone in Edmonton desirous of visiting the limits the time available was but a month. Now, merely to move the town of three widely separated tracts, passing from one to another and returning to Edmonton, would require a journey of 450 miles. This in itself would take a couple of months, allowing no time for examination. No condemnation can be too severe on the department for thus putting up so large an area in such scattered tracts in a single competition. It practically shut out the local Edmonton dealers from anything like a fair deal. The bids were opened on the 27th of January, 1904. They were as follows:

- (a) McDonald & Firth, Ottawa, \$1,200.
- (b) J. H. Lamont, Prince Albert, \$4,000.
- (c) Kenneth A. McLeod, P.O. Box 175, Edmonton, \$10,000.
- (d) A. W. Fraser (Imperial Pulp Company) \$11,000.

Handy Second Check.

The offer of the Imperial Pulp Company was in the form of a letter written by Lawyer Fraser, of Ottawa. Marginal notes on the originals indicate that two cheques were given—one for \$5,000 and one for \$6,000. Mr. Fraser under examination has stated that he wrote the letter and handed it in an unsealed envelope to Mr. Burrows. Mr. Finnie, local manager of the Bank of Ottawa, has testified that he gave Mr. Burrows two managers' cheques for these amounts on the morning of Jan. 27, in exchange for deposit. The cheque for \$5,000 was accepted first. It will be readily noticed that the \$5,000 cheque would have been sufficient to capture the limit it over the Lamont bid, but that it required the combined cheques to exceed the McLeod offer. The limit was transferred the following day to Imperial Pulp Company by whom it is held to-day. Again may I ask was this coincidence or design?

It has been the cause of many protests and numberless petitions from settlers several hundred of whom were for some years shut out from obtaining building material for local needs by the granting of track No. 1 of this berth, but what leaves this government for the settler in comparison with its solicitude for the interests of those connected with the Imperial Pulp Company?

Imperial Corner Timber, And now to recapitulate. The Imperial Pulp Company has secured practically the whole reserve within 150 miles radius of Edmonton. Their holdings in this region cannot be worth to-day less than \$200,000. They will probably realise far more than this if they continue to hold and only sell when increased demand bids to present value. Their method of tendering was different in every particular from the recognized practice of the Department. The public advertisement which invites

tenders calls attention to the fact that the department is prepared to furnish on demand a printed form of tender. This form indicates that the bidder is expected to state the amount he offers as bonus and give the name of the bank upon which his accepted cheque is drawn. This form was generally used by its competitors, but never by the Imperial Pulp Company. In their tender the amount offered as bonus is rarely stated. Double cheques are often used. The margin of such is perfectly small, but never less than in required. All things considered—these unusual methods—this unvarying success—point to but one conclusion, that there must have been irregularity in tendering.

FIRE ON ATLANTIC LINER.

New York, Aug. 31.—Deep down in the hold of the White Star liner Baltic, the crew and stevedores struggled with a stubborn fight all last night and finally to-day were compelled to call upon the fire department. Two fire boats and several engines were summoned to the work, the fire was extinguished, although one engine was left on the pier in case the flames should break out again.

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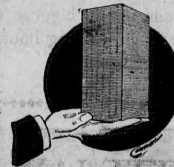
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Around the City

Wm. J. S. McVidley will not receive on the first Wednesday in future.

Mrs. Stuart Hill and her cousin, Miss Jessie Forsythe, of Ottawa, leave for the coast to-morrow evening.

Eighteen fowls were stolen from a fowl house in the city last night and this police are on the lookout for anyone offering chickens for sale.

At the police court this morning a young man was fined \$5 and costs, amounting to \$11.45 in all, for assaulting John Ross on the Edmonton road.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Hospital Aid will be held in the council chamber on Tuesday next at three o'clock. A good attendance is requested.

FOUND-IN STRATHCONA SUNDAY evening, August 30, Sister dog. Owner may have same on applying at city police office.

New Plans For Quebec Bridge

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 31.—Maurice Picot, the British engineer who has a place on the new Quebec bridge commission, arrived in the capital on Sunday. Engineer Madgeka, of Chicago, is expected to-day, and Engineer Gantelet, of Montreal, third member of the commission, is coming. A conference will be held with Mr. J. M. Butler, deputy minister of railways and canals, and preliminary steps will be taken without delay in the direction of having a new set of plans prepared.

LOTS OF MONEY.

New York, August 31.—The statement of clearing house banks for the week shows that the banks hold \$35,358,975 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent. reserve rule. This is an increase of \$2,221,000 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week.

Cabinet Met Again

Ottawa, Aug. 30.—There was a lengthy meeting of the cabinet Friday, at which a large amount of business was transacted, though none of the pending appointments of the civil service commission or the governorship of Ontario or Quebec were put through. This was due to the fact that there were a number of members absent. Hon. Sydney Fisher and Hon. William Paterson are in the Eastern townships, holding meetings in the public interest and Hon. William Templeman is on the Pacific coast.

There was a great accumulation of departmental business disposed of, the basket being cleared as a preliminary to the members of the government scattering to their various districts on campaign work. Their appointments of James Hunter as deputy, Arthur St. Laurent, assistant deputy, and Napoleon Tessier, secretary of the public works department, of S. T. Bastien, as superintendent of government annuities; Rear Admiral Kingsmill, as commander of marine service, and Commissioner Spain, as commissioner of wrecks, are gazetted.

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